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Inbound Kennedy changes at Jane Byrne

Madison Street ramp closes, ramp to Ida B. Wells/Ike and Taylor Street moves

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that as part of the ongoing Jane Byrne Interchange reconstruction, the ramp from Madison Street to the inbound Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) will close starting, weather permitting, at 10 p.m. Saturday, Sep. 18.

The closure is necessary to build new pavement as part of construction on the mainline lanes of the expressway and will remain in place through the end of 2022.

A detour will direct eastbound Madison Street traffic to Halsted and Lake streets to access the inbound Kennedy via the Lake Street ramp. Westbound motorists will connect to the inbound Kennedy via Jefferson and Randolph streets.

Additionally, to prepare for the next stage of mainline construction, overnight lane closures on the inbound Kennedy between Chicago Avenue and Polk Street are scheduled over three consecutive nights, starting at 10 p.m., weather permitting, Thursday, Sep. 16. to Sunday, Sep. 19. At least one inbound lane will remain open at all times. All lanes will fully reopen by 5 a.m. Friday, 6 a.m. Saturday and by 9 a.m. Sunday when the new traffic pattern will be in place.

In the new configuration there will continue to be five inbound lanes. The right lane stays as an exit lane to Monroe Street. The exit to Ida B. Wells Drive/outbound Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) and Taylor Street moves approximately a quarter mile north of its current location (from just south of Adams Street to just north of Madison Street). The left three inbound through lanes will shift slightly and then continue in their current configuration.

Motorists should expect significant delays and allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

The overall reconstruction project at the Jane Byrne Interchange will improve safety and traffic flow for the more than 400,000 motorists who use it each day, while also enhancing mobility for bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users in the surrounding neighborhoods.

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For more information, visit www.janebyrneinterchange.org. The mobile-friendly website features a detailed project timeline with an interactive map, photo galleries, a live camera feed of the work zone, and the ability to submit questions and comments to the project team via a "Contact Us" link.

The improved Jane Byrne Interchange will be substantially completed by late 2022.

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